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**4148. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether his department plans to implement a digital nomad e-visa like the other 40 countries that have done so globally, including Namibia, in order to promote tourism; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW5071E

**REPLY:**

* The current visa categories are legislated by the Immigration Act No. 13 of 2002. In its current form the Immigration Act does not make provision for digital nomad e-Visa. Therefore, there are no plans to implement a digital nomad e-visa.
* The department has to date launched and piloted e-Visa System in 14 countries in line with the Government’s plans to streamline and modernize the visa application process to make it easier to travel to South Africa for tourism and short term business and work visits. The e-Visa System enables the prospective visitors to apply for a Visa online, while in their home countries without visiting the Mission.

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